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## BUY LAND NOW.

The exhibit of products of western and southwestern lands which the Chicago Tribune will conduct November 20 to December 4, in the Coliseum, in the Windy City, will be a unique and interesting one. The scheme is merely a great agricultural exhibit of all those sections in which the lands remain cheap for the simple reason of sparse population.

New Mexico has been asked to participate in the exhibit, and undoubtedly will reap a rich harvest in the money which will come into the territory for investment in agricultural lands. It will bring in more people and more money; more people and the purchase of farm lands mean an increasing value of the lands and a general development and betterment. But these are two things which the New Mexican should not forget in this matter. One of them is that he should not watch the lands sold and resold while he himself fails to acquire a few acres, and the other is that he should strongly discourage anything which tends to tie up large tracts of land in individual ownership.

There has been a tremendous westward movement for farm lands during the past ten years, and in many instances the prices have gone to about the limit at which profit from the money invested may be realized. That will be the inevitable result with all lands in the United States. The western movement has been brought about because the farmer further east could dispose of his farm lands and with the money come west and se-

cure a much larger tract, from which he could raise practically the same class and amount of product. Whenever the price of the western land gets to be proportionately as high as that in the east the westward flow will stop. When that time comes the opportunity for buying to advantage will have passed.

Lands will never sell for any less than it is selling for now, and constantly until the highest safe price has been reached. It will increase in value. And farm lands in the United States within a very few years will be one of the investments as sure as government bonds. We have passed the period of fluctuations in farm lands. In the future there will be a more businesslike estimate put on lands, and the possible yield with the advantages of near market and schools, will make a practically uniform price for agricultural land all over the country. While it is still cheap enough for the average man to buy a small tract, it is a short-sighted policy which permits the opportunity to pass.

Great tracts of land held either by individuals or by companies are not a betterment but a detriment. They mean either that the lands will be farmed by renters or day laborers, one of the surest methods, as proved by the world's history, to bring about all the woes of landlordism and peasantry, or that the lands will be withdrawn from production and remain idle in great country estates. The vast landed estates of England, have given rise to the desire among Americans for great land holdings, even while England is wrestling with the troubles arising from these large possessions. Trite as it may appear to say so, the land is the only food supply, but this fact seems to be forgotten in the contemplation of the land question in the United States. Quietly in many sections of the East the buying up of large acreages has gone on, and on many of these acreages crop production has ceased. The owner being financially able to own a large tract of land and keep it idle, does so, aping the fashion of the English gentry. Since from the land comes the means of feeding the nation, it is a menace to a nation when productive lands are withdrawn from their normal function of producing food stuffs. What has happened in the east will surely happen in the west in time unless there be action to prevent it.

But one of the best and most profitable means of prevention is that there be more interest in the matter of owning land in small tracts. As an assured income bearer there is nothing better than land—New Mexico lands particularly. Every man who can manage it should own a tract of land even if it be but a few acres.

## IRRESPONSIBLE PARTIES CIRCULATE WILD RUMORS

There was considerable excitement caused this morning by numerous rumors to the effect that several school children had succumbed yesterday and last night from the effects of scarlet fever. Investigation developed that but one child had died, and that there exists at the present time in East Las Vegas but three cases of this contagious disease, none of which are considered alarming.

City Health Officer Gordon, was interviewed by an Optic reporter this morning and is authority for the above statement of facts. According to Dr. Gordon, there is no cause for alarm. He especially deprecates the circulation of untruthful rumors by irresponsible parties.

As long as the disease is held in check, as is at present the case, there seems to be little need for closing the public schools, in his opinion. However, those parents who are nervous about their children are privileged to take them out of school and keep them home.

## MISS RUTH WINTERS WINS SHOW TICKETS

Out of the one hundred and fifty contestants for the two tickets to be given by The Optic for "The Ringmaster," which is to appear at the Duncan opera houses tomorrow evening, Miss Ruth Winters carried off the honors, having in all 1,004 words derived from the title of the Wall Street drama, "The Ringmaster."

Miss Winters had a total of 1,037 words, but 33 of the words were found not to conform with the requirements of the contest.

Juan Silva was a close second to Miss Winters, while Mrs. Geo. S. Allee was third. Many of the contestants did not use the letters in the word "The" to advantage or the contest might have been much closer than it was.

Miss Winters will kindly call at the business office of The Optic tomorrow morning and receive an order on the box office of the Duncan opera house for the tickets she has so deservedly won.

## HON. JAMES S. DUNCAN REACHES 57TH MILESTONE

Hon. Jas. S. Duncan was the unexpected host at a most agreeable surprise party given him last evening at his palatial home on Fourth street, in observance of the 57th anniversary of his birth.

The surprise was in the form of a family gathering, only members of the immediate Duncan family being

present. The evening was most enjoyably spent in merry-making and many delightful musical numbers were offered.

On arriving at his 57th milestone, Mr. Duncan is still found to be one of the most active citizens of Las Vegas and the territory and will probably be in the front rank for many years to come. Mr. Duncan has been a resident of New Mexico upwards of thirty years and has helped materially to make Las Vegas what it is today.

Light refreshments were served during the evening in a most charming manner by Mrs. Duncan. Those present beside the host and Mrs. Duncan, Sr., were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Duncan, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Louise Smith, Edythe Lowe, Beulah Lowe and Little Dorothy Smith.

## ENDS LIFE OF SHAME BY TAKING POISON

Las Cruces, N. M., Nov. 8.—Ester Garcia, a Spanish woman of the under world, during a drunken brawl committed suicide here yesterday morning at one o'clock by taking carbolic acid. The girl, while rather young and quite comely, was a notorious character and had been a puzzling problem for the town officials to solve. The city council recently passed an ordinance prohibiting houses of ill-repute. All the women conducting resorts closed up and left for other places. The Garcia woman refused to leave on the grounds that Las Cruces was her home and her mother resided here.

## WASHINGTON CITY OFFERS \$125,000 FOR BIG FIGHT

New York, Nov. 8.—A telegram from F. S. Williams of Bellingham, Wash., offers a \$125,000 for the Jeffries-Johnson fight if it be given in his town. Sam Berger, manager for Jeffries, says he does not know Williams, but his bid will have an equal chance with others, if he deposits \$5,000, with the official proposal. With three offers from California promoters, a bid from Washington and one from Oklahoma, it is considered certain that a record purse will get the big fight. Nevada has not yet been heard from and other interests are figuring on the event, and a number of surprises are expected when the bids are opened on December 1.

Adam was a lucky man not to have to try to make his wife's sewing machine run.

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## MARKET REPORTS.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 8.—Wool—Market steady.—Territory and western medium, 24@29; fine mediums, 23@26; fine, 14@20.

New York, Nov. 8.—Copper firm. Shot standard, \$12.60@13.00; December, \$12.75@13.05; lead quiet, \$4.37 1/2 @4.21 1/2; silver, 50 3/4c.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Wheat—December, \$1.02 1/2; May, \$1.02 1/4. Corn—December, 57 7/8@58c; May, 58@58 1/4c. Pork—January, \$20.47 1/2; May, \$19.87 1/2. Lard—January, \$11.75; May, \$11.27 1/2. Ribs—January, \$10.35; May, \$10.27 1/2.

New York, Nov. 8.—Call money firm, 3/4@5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5@1 1/2 per cent.

Mexican dollars, 43c. Amalgamated, 89; Atchison, 119 1/2; New York Central, 132 5/8; Southern Pacific, 129 1/2; Union Pacific, 201 7/8; Steel, 90 3/4; preferred, 127.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 23,000; market 10c higher. Beeves, \$4.00@9.20; Texas steers, \$3.85@4.90; western steers, \$4.25@7.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@5.15; cows and heifers, \$2.10@5.80; calves, \$6.25@8.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 28,000; market strong. Light, \$7.45@7.95; mixed, \$7.45@8.10; heavy, \$7.50@8.12 1/2; rough, \$7.50@7.70; heavy, \$7.70@8.12 1/2; bulk of sales, \$7.85@8.00. Sheep—Receipts, 30,000; market strong to 10c higher. Native, \$2.60@4.90; western, \$2.85@5.00; yearlings, \$4.70@6.05; lambs, native, \$4.50@7.50; western, \$4.75@7.35.

Kansas City, Nov. 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 16,000, including 1,000 south-

erns; market strong, 5 to 10c higher. Native steers, \$4.75@9.00; southern steers, \$3.40@4.75; southern cows, \$2.60@4.00; native cows and heifers, \$2.25@5.75; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@5.20; bulls, \$2.75@4.00; calves, \$3.50@6.50; western steers, \$3.80@5.75; western cows, \$2.75@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,000; market 5c higher. Bulk of sales, \$7.60@7.85; heavy, \$7.80@7.90; packers and butchers, \$7.70@7.85; light, \$7.40@7.75; pigs, \$6.50@7.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 8,000; market 10c higher. Muttons, \$4.00@5.00; lambs, \$6.00@7.25; range wethers and yearlings, \$4.00@5.50; range ewes, \$3.00@4.50.

## POSTAL TELEGRAPH CO. STRINGING NEW WIRE

A gang of Postal telegraph linemen has started towards Gallup stringing a heavy copper wire which will eventually reach from Albuquerque to San Francisco. The wire from Chicago and Albuquerque was completed some time ago and when the west connection is completed to San Francisco the two ends will be connected at Albuquerque, making one more overland circuit across the continent. The increased business of the Postal company has made the new wire a necessity and it will be put in operation as soon as possible.

## A Card

This is to certify that all druggists are authorized to refund your money if Foley's Honey and Tar fails to cure your cough or cold. It stops the cough, heals the lungs and prevents serious results from a cold, prevents pneumonia and constipation. Contains no opiates. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. Red Cross Drug Co. and O. G. Schaefer.

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Military or Cuban heels, genuine finer or goodyear welt soles. Best leather obtainable, A. B. C. D. & EE widths.

Cushion sole Shoe, lace, Blucher, flexible sole, easy and comfortable, \$4.00

Dutch—Dull Calf skin, plain toe; a splendid every day shoe, \$4.00

Dolores—Kid, plain toe, blucher, turned sole; a good everyday shoe, \$3.50

Mary—Patent Colt, plain toe, blucher, turned sole; a fine dressy shoe, \$3.50

Webster—Patent Colt, goodyear welt, blucher plain toe, \$3.50

Dullock—Dull kid, button welt, \$3.50

Fatty—Kid button, low heel, large ankle, \$2.75

E. P. Reed—Gray and black suede, button military heel; nice fancy toe, \$5.00

### Krippendorf Dittman & Co.'s SHOES FOR WOMEN

Minnie B—Patent Colt, button welt, fancy toe, \$3.50

Belon—Patent Colt, button straight last, \$4.00

Ida—Vice Kid, button welt, \$4.00

Peters—Bunton last, blucher, low heel, \$3.00

Taft—Kid, blucher, welt, fancy toe, \$3.50

Mora—Kid, blucher, welt, turn, \$2.50 & 2.75

Berlin—Kid, straight last, lace, high arch, \$4.50

Alfred—Dull Kid, button, welt, gray suede top, \$4.50

### Ferris Shoes

#### FOR MISSES & CHILDREN

We take great pride in this line, because we know that there isn't a better Shoe made for the same money. They are made on foot form lasts and will not deform the feet. All leathers, tan and black, Vice, Patent Colt, Calf Skin, all sizes, lace or button, 1.25 to \$3.00 pair.

We feature a Patent Colt, button, Misses Shoe, with Ox-blood top, extension soles, very stylish, sizes 11 to 2, 2 to 6; 2.50, 3.50 and \$3.50

Misses' Patent Colt, gray silk top, sizes 9 1/2 to 11, 11 to 2, prices 2.25 and \$2.75

### Boys' Shoes

If you have given up in despair of ever finding a Shoe that will wear that Boy of yours just a reasonable length of time, try an "American Boy"—has the reputation of giving UNUSUALLY longer vice, made of Calf Skin, with good heavy oak soles.

We show some very good Shoes in our Holland—Red School House, and Webster lines, in Calf skins, Velours, Vice-kid, Patent Colts. We guarantee our shoes will give satisfaction. Price from 1.50 to \$3.50

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Fit is absolutely essential to satisfactory footwear, primarily for comfort and necessary to service. Every FLORSHEIM shoe is made on lasts that no matter what their shape, allow the foot to rest naturally—without the cramping or huddling of the toes so prevalent in the ordinary shoe—giving the proper amount of ball room, supporting the instep and holding the heel and ankle in a firm yet gentle grasp that insures your comfort.

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